

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

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TOPIC Military Information from the area of Eberswalde, Bad Freienwalde and BernauEVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 27 April 1953REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED] 25X1

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Information

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1. The following loadings were made at the Eberswalde railroad station, with the trains leaving toward a northerly direction:

At 7 a.m. on 15 April: an undetermined number of flatcars with 12 JS-2 tanks, 10 trucks [REDACTED] 1 armored scout car and two boxcars. The train left at 9 a.m.

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At 10 a.m.: 7 tank cars, about 15 trucks [REDACTED]  
The train left at 1 p.m.

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At 1 p.m.: 4 radio trucks, 7 armored scout cars, about 10 trucks [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on an undetermined number of flatcars, and 7 boxcars. About 150 soldiers assembled at the loading ramp. The train left at 5 p.m.

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At 6:30 p.m.: 10 JS-3 tanks, and 13 trucks [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The departure of the train was not determined.

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At 6:15 a.m. on 16 April: 10 JS-2 tanks, 2 half-track trucks mounting twin-berreled AA guns, 2 armored personnel carriers, 6 scout cars [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 7 sidecar motorcycles, 1 jeep, and 1 field kitchen on an undetermined number of flatcars, and 2 boxcars. The train left at 10 a.m.

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At 9:30 a.m.: 12 x 57-mm AT guns and about 30 trucks [REDACTED]

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At 9 p.m.: 4 AT guns coupled to trucks [REDACTED] about 30 trucks [REDACTED] 6 x 120-mm mortars. A troop train stood at the main track at 9 p.m.

At 5:15 a.m. on 17 April: 20 T-43 tanks, 3 trucks [REDACTED] and 10 SP guns. <sup>1</sup>

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A train with about 30 trucks moved through the Eberswalde railroad station at 1 p.m. on 16 April, coming from the direction of Bad Freienwalde and moving toward Templin. <sup>2</sup>

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2. At 3 p.m. on 16 April. 4 AT guns. 2 half-track trucks mounting twin-barreled AAA [redacted] armored personnel carrier [redacted] scout cars [redacted] and 15 trucks [redacted] were entrained at the Bad Freienwalde railroad station. Another troop train with locomotive stood on the main track. Twenty-five trucks, 4 AT guns and 9 SP guns drove toward the loading ramp, coming from town. The Panzer Kaserne was still partly occupied. An officer instructed 30 EM in the billeting area. Trucks [redacted] made coal shuttle trips. 2 25X1
3. At 7:15 a.m. on 17 April, a troop train carrying 7 trucks [redacted] and 7 tank trucks stood at the Biesenthal railroad station. At 8 a.m., 4 AT guns, 6 mortars, and 8 trucks [redacted] were loaded at the Bernau railroad station. 3 A Soviet who picked up milk at the Eberswalde dairy stated that the troops were going to Templin. 1 25X1
4. The following loadings were observed at the Eberswalde railroad station: 25X1
- At 4:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on 15 April: 3 JS-3 tanks, 25 trucks [redacted] 6 armored vehicles and 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1
- From 5 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on 16 April: 5 JS-3 tanks, 10 trucks [redacted] 1 field kitchen, [redacted] 16 x 45-mm AT guns and 1 field kitchen. 25X1
- At 6:45 a.m. on 17 April: 12 T-34 tanks and 1 field kitchen. 1
- The following shipments passed through Eberswalde from south to north:
- At 1:30 p.m. on 15 April: 6 armored scout cars, 23 trucks [redacted] 25X1
- At 3 p.m.: JS-3 tanks [redacted] and 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1
- A train with 9 x 45-mm AT guns and 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was observed in Biesenthal at 7:30 a.m. on 17 April. At 8 a.m. on 17 April, 9 x 45-mm AT guns with trucks [redacted] and 25 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were loaded at the Bernau railroad station. 3 25X1
1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the loadings onto 9 trains in Eberswalde from 15 to 17 April as reported [redacted] were, for the most part, made by units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. The weapons indicate that, probably, units of the 17th Gds Mecz Regt and of the 82d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt were involved. Only the train observed at 6:15 a.m. on 16 April, [redacted] carried units of the 51st (?) Mtrcl Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The tank company, however, must consist of 10 T-34 tanks. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] on 15 April, 8 tank shuttle trains had to be made available in Eberswalde for trips to Templin and as two trains had made the trip the same day. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] one shipment each with units of the 10th Gds Mecz Regt and 93d Tank Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div from Bad Freienwalde were loaded on 15 and 16 April. [redacted] The fact that the Panzer Kaserne was partly occupied indicates that the movement to Templin was not completed by 16 April.

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3. Comment. The two trains observed passing through the railroad stations of Biesenthal and Eberswalde probably carried units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div from Bernau to Templin. loadings of the division to have been made in Bernau on 15 and 16 April. The Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied only by a rear detail on 16 April. the loading on 17 April was made by units of the unidentified AT Arty Brig of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in the former German Army clothing depot, although the motor vehicle during the operation are carried with the 6th Gds Mecz Div.

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